उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) से (ङ) 2 मार्च, 1991 के अंत तक केन्द्रीय सरकारी क्षेत्र के उद्यमों की संख्या उनमें किये गये कुल पूंजीनिवेश, ऋणों, कर्मचारियों की संख्या, लाभों आदि के बारे में ब्यौरा लोक उद्यम सर्वेक्षण 1990-91 के एक भाग के रूप में चालू सत्र के दौरान संसद में प्रस्तुत किया जायेगा।

**Industrial Growth rate**

517. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the general index of industrial production recorded a decline of 0.7 per cent in the first 6 months of 1991-92 as compared with a growth of 8.6 per cent during the corresponding period of the last year ;

(b) whether the manufacturing sector has also registered a decline of 1.9 per cent during the same period as compared with a growth of 13.6 per cent ;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the projections for the remaining period of year 1991-92 ; and

(d) whether the New Industrial Policy has encouraged more industrial development and improvement in the production by the existing industries if so, the details thereof and other steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b). According to the Index of Industrial Production compiled by Central Statistical Organisation the overall rate of growth during April-September 1991 was (–) 0.9% as against a growth of 11.6% in the corresponding period of last year. In the manufacturing sector the rate of growth during April-September 1991 was (–) 2.2% compared to growth of 13.6% during the same period of last year.

(c) There are various factors like infrastructuarl constraints, shortage of raw materials particularly of imported raw materials because of foreign exchange constraints, credit squeeze, a demand recession in the market, etc.

(d) It is too early to judge the impact of New Industrail Policy on the overall industrial growth. However, as per Index of Industrial Production from CSO, the overll rate of growth during April-June, 1991, was (–) 2.3% which has improved to 0.3% during July-October, 1991.

**अखबारी कागज का आयात**

518. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या सरकार घरेलू आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए अखबारी कागज का आयात बढ़ाने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार अखबारी कागज के वितरण संबंधी विद्यमान नीति का पुनर्गठन करने के लिए समाचार पत्र उद्योग की मांगों पर गंभीरता से विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?